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				the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, and a Petition and fee of \$130.00 are enclosed.	
	2.	It is he	It is hereby certified:		
			that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement, or		
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			deration of the following additional information (including any co-pending andoned U.S. applications, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested:		
	4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:			-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:	
			refere	nce is made to an English language translation submitted herewith, and/or	
				nce is made to a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) itted herewith, and/or	
				nce is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office report submitted herewith, and/or	
				nce is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the nt application at page(s), and/or	
			refere	ence is made to the concise explanation set forth below:	
	5.		Appli	cant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:	

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Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.

The listed documents were brought to the attention of the Applicant(s) after payment of the issue fee in the captioned case. The documents were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) request this Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 be placed in the file of the captioned application.

8. Applicant(s) request that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application.

If any required fees are missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Conley, Rose & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account No. 03-2769/5143-01700/JCH. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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